

SHIP STRANDS; MANY LIVES LOST

Huge Seas Pound the Berlin
to Pieces and Few Aboard
Her Escape Death.

OVER ONE HUNDRED GO DOWN

Thirty-five Bodies, All Badly Bat-
tered, Have Already Been
Recovered.

Capt. Parkinson, Who Had Sailed on the
Berlin, the Only Survivor to Land
—Ship Struck Off the Hook of Holland
in a Terrible Storm, and Tugs Could
Not Reach Her to Bring Assistance
—Wind Was Blowing 100 Miles an Hour
—As Many as Four Were Seen Clinging
to the Wreck Before Nightfall, but
Faint Hope of Rescue Before Morning.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
LONDON, Feb. 21.—The passenger steam-
ship Berlin, of 1,775 tons, owned by the
Great Eastern Railway Company, on her
way from Harwich, stranded off the north
pier of the Hook of Holland, at the mouth
of the Maas, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning
in stormy weather. Tugs were sent to the
Berlin's assistance, but she broke up and
the passengers and crew, to the number of
more than 100 and probably 140, were
drowned.

The Berlin struck a sandbank outside
the harbor, in sight of land, but the seas
were so tremendous that rescue was entirely
out of the question.

The passengers numbered twenty-one
and the crew fifty-one.
Despatches received at 2 o'clock this
morning give assurance that some persons
are still alive on the Berlin. The life-
boat made another attempt to reach the
wreck at midnight, but the mountainous
seas prevented her from getting near it.
Another effort will be made before day-
light.

Officials and a crowd of other persons
are keeping an all night vigil on the beach.
All are eager to help. Many of them are
relatives of passengers. The anxiety now
is rather whether those on the wreck can
survive the cold than the risk of the stern
breaking up. The captain of a vessel that
arrived in the River Maas to-night says he
saw ten persons alive on the wreck. One
was wearing a uniform.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The latest despatch
from the Hook of Holland, timed 8 P. M.,
does not clear up the fate of the supposed
survivors on the stern of the wrecked vessel.
The local lifeboat continued its gallant
efforts throughout the day to reach the
wreck at the imminent risk of being
smashed. She and the accompanying tug
were repeatedly thrown back to the shore
by the enormous seas, but they gamely re-
peated their attempts. Once they were
within ten yards of the wreck. They heard
cries on board, but were forced back, with
the loss of an anchor and other gear.

When night fell it was believed that four
were alive on board the wreck, but hope
of reaching them before daylight has been
abandoned.

A majority of the reports concur in stat-
ing that the only survivor ashore was Capt.
Parkinson of Belfast, who was en route to
take the command of the steamer Myrmidon
at Amsterdam. He was washed off the
Berlin, but clung to a piece of wreckage
and was picked up by a lifeboat, exhausted
and battered. He is now very ill and weak.
He says that in a long experience at sea he
never saw a more awful night.

Like most of the other passengers he did
not go to bed. They were congratulating
one another that the lifeboat was in sight
when there was a tremendous shock and
the steamer stood still.

Capt. Parkinson hurried to the bridge
to offer his help. He arrived just in time
to see the captain of the Berlin and the
plot swept off. Capt. Parkinson does not
know what happened then until he found
himself in the sea. He was able to seize
a piece of wreckage and keep himself afloat
until he saw the lifeboat. He shouted and
was rescued.

Before he was swept from the steamer
he saw about a hundred persons huddled
in the fore part of the Berlin. Afterward,
while he was floating benumbed in the icy
sea, he heard muffled cries on all sides of
him and continually bumped into drifting
corpses.

About thirty-five bodies have been re-
covered. Most of them are much battered.
One was headless, and some had their arms
torn off. Three of those picked up showed
flickering signs of life, but the efforts of
physicians to resuscitate them failed.

Van Dyck, the tenor, did not sail on the
Berlin. Among the company lost were some
superannuated men of considerable fame
on the Continent, including the Dutch bar-
itone Orellio, Fraulein Buttel of the Court
Theatre, Dresden, and Fraulein Schoene
of the Mannheim Opera House.

The loss of the company tragically ends
a most unfortunate experience in London,
where the season proved a financial failure,
compelling a premature closing. Many of
the singers had not been paid and were
compelled to seek assistance from the
German Consul.

Van Dyck's whereabouts is unknown at

present. One report is that he returned to
Germany two or three days ago.

The Berlin left Harwich at 10 o'clock
last night with a full complement of pas-
sengers. Great difficulty is experienced in
ascertaining their names, as, owing to the
shortness of the voyage, no list was kept.

A parcel of diamonds, valued at thou-
sands of pounds, was on the Berlin, but it
was insured.

Telegrams from Rotterdam and Amster-
dam say that the Berlin was driven on the
northern jetty of Rotterdam Harbor while
trying to enter the Nieuwe Waterweg. She
was broken in twain and the fore part sank
at once. The crew gathered on the after
part, which remained afloat. Tugs and life-
boats immediately made for the scene, but
the high seas prevented them from ap-
proaching the wreck.

Twenty-five bodies have been washed
ashore. One passenger was saved. The
whole crew, which was English, was
drowned.

The King's messenger who was lost was
A. F. Herbert. He was the bearer of im-
portant despatches and was on his way to
Copenhagen, St. Petersburg, Berlin and
Tehran.

The Berlin was wrecked during one of
the roughest gales ever known on the North
Sea. The wind was blowing with hurricane
force, at nearly 100 miles an hour, the seas
were mountainous and a blizzard swept the
coast of Holland throughout the night.

Apparently the Berlin was caught in one of
the snow squalls, which obscured the land at
the most dangerous spot on the coast, and
the ship was flung ashore. Immediately
she struck all possible efforts to rescue
those on board were begun. But the huge
seas pounded her to pieces and frustrated
the heroic attempts that were made with
tugs and lifeboats to reach the wreck and
rescue the survivors, who had gathered in
the after part of the ship.

A private telegram from Rotterdam says
that four persons have been rescued. It
does not say how.

HOOK OF HOLLAND, Feb. 21.—The after
part of the Berlin is firmly imbedded in the
shore. Persons can still be seen on the wreck
and it is hoped that they may be saved at
low tide.

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 21.—The agents of the
Great Eastern Railway Company here
say that the Berlin had 120 passengers and
a crew of sixty. Two men have been saved.
A few can be seen clinging to the wreck,
but their rescue is most doubtful.

GOMEZ TO BREAK WITH PARTY.
New Thought That He Will Form Combi-
nation With Old Moderates.

HAVANA, Feb. 21.—The representatives
of Señores Zayas and Gomez, the rival
Liberal candidates for the presidency, have
failed to agree upon a settlement of their
troubles and the matter will now be referred
to the executive committee of the old na-
tional assembly or provincial and municipal
conventions.

It is believed by some that Gomez will
break with his party and form a combination
with the old Moderates, with whom he was
previously identified, although this would
cost him the sympathy of many Liberals.
The Liberal factions appear to occupy the
same position toward each other as the
revolutionary party occupied toward the
Palma administration.

RESENTS SCHURMAN'S REMARKS.

John Temple Graves Says South Doesn't
Need Rockefeller's Civilizing Mission.
ATLANTA, Feb. 21.—President Jacob G.
Schurman of Cornell University is attacked
in an editorial by John Temple Graves
this afternoon, because of Schurman's
statement that "if the \$2,000,000 just given
by Rockefeller to the Southern educational
commission would be used for the civiliza-
tion of the South it is far from tainted."

Commenting on this statement, Graves
says: "The civilization of the South indeed!
Such a sentiment, even from a college presi-
dent, argues an obtuseness of observation
and a narrowness of prejudice which in
this region of the South is being set to
right by the occupancy of a country school."

"This gracious, gentle, charming, wise
and accomplished South, please God, is to
be civilized by the magisterial Jacob Schurman,
by the tainted money of Rockefeller. Why,
there are circles of society in the South to
which neither the manners nor the culture
of Jacob Schurman would admit of being
terms of social equality, and yet, through
his nasal twinge and his cold provincial
prejudice, he presumes to speak of the
civilization of the South as being set to
right by the civilization of a land like this."

"Sometimes the insolent ignorance of
these arrogant and ill-mannered accidents
of the Northern educational circles make us
angry, but in this instance they move us
to mirth and laughter."

"To one who is much acquainted with the
personality and unbecoming and uncivilized
manners of Jacob Schurman, his allusion to
the South assumes the absurdity of comic
opera or a theatrical burlesque."

DUELIST GUILTY OF MURDER.

Farmer Who Won Prearranged Fight Sen-
tenced to Serve Fourteen Years.

DANVILLE, Va., Feb. 21.—Joe Echols was
convicted to-day of the murder of Walter
Barkdale and was sentenced to serve
fourteen years in the penitentiary.

The killing was the result of a prearranged
duel. The men, both well known farmers,
quarrelled over a pack of cigarettes, and
agreed to go to their homes, get their guns
and shoot it out. Soon afterward they met
in the road and each opened fire.
The preponderance of evidence was that
Echols fired first.

James Echols, father of Joe Echols, and
Charles McGregor are awaiting trial on the
charge of being accomplices in the killing.

Progress of Two Cent Fare Legislation.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 21.—The House to-day
under a suspension of the rules passed the
two cent railroad fare bill. The bill is
a compromise between the Senate and House
versions. It provides for a two cent fare
for passengers on all railroads in the State.
The bill will now go to the Senate.

Hold Up Glittering Post Cards.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—Postmaster Davis
to-day confiscated 1,000 souvenir post cards
that had glittering surfaces. The glittering
surfaces are made with mica and in
handling the cards this mica comes off and
gets into the lungs of postal clerks. Notices
have been posted that these cards must be
enclosed in envelopes.

Latest Marine Intelligence.

Arrived: St. Venetia, Cape Haytien, Feb. 5.

"A LITTLE HIGHER IN PRICE—BUT!"

Quality first and always the aim in curing

Philly's State & Bacon—made upon this brand.

Ad.

PARSONS WELL INTRENCHED

COUNTY COMMITTEE INCREASES
HIS EXECUTIVE MAJORITY.

Hereafter the Republican Voting Power of
Each Assembly District Weighs in the
Executive Committee—Odell Men Re-
sist the Change—Threaten Lawsuit.

Herbert Parsons strengthened his control
of the local Republican organization last
evening when the county committee ame-
liorated its rules so as to give to each
member of the executive committee a
voting power proportionate to the num-
ber of delegates his district is entitled to
in the county committee. Until after
midnight the Odell faction fought against
the adoption of the amendment. Men
like Edward Lauterbach, William Halpin,
Abel Gruber and Joe Levinson, who are
allied with the Odell group, made speech
after speech against the change and pre-
dicted that it would mean the handing of
the party over to the silk stocking and
aristocratic element.

The purpose of the change was to prevent
the Odellites getting a chance of stealing
back the control of the executive committee.
Under the old conditions the members of
the executive committee each had one
vote. The districts in the lower part of the
city and the Democratic districts had as
much power in the committee as the big
Republican districts. In the county com-
mittee the basis of representation is one
committeeman for every fifty Republican
voters. That principle was applied last
night to the executive committee, and as a
result Mr. Parsons's leadership of the or-
ganization is so assured that in the ordinary
course of events he will lead the city dele-
gation to the State and national conventions
next year.

And not only did the Parsons leaders
clinch their command of the executive
committee, but it was also decided that
the president and treasurer of the county
committee should be entitled to as many
votes as would equal one-third-fifth of
the total membership of the county com-
mittee. This means that Mr. Parsons and
a Treasurer Bannard will have twenty and
three votes each, seeing that the total
membership of the county committee is 713.

When the resolution was presented to the
county committee, which met last night in
the Murray Hill Lyceum, Abel Gruber started
the fight against it. He denounced it as a
measure intended to give the control of the
Republican organization over to the Re-
publican districts and their leaders. It
would leave, he said, the leaders in the
lower parts of the city mere ciphers in the
affairs of the Republican organization of
this county.

Edward Lauterbach also predicted dis-
aster to the Republican party if the control
of the organization was vested in "a few
high-sounding individuals." The only argu-
ment for Republican success in this city, he
said, was to get acclamations in the Demo-
cratic districts. There was nothing to look
for in Republican districts, and he prophesied
that if the changes went through they
would ring the death knell of the party in
this city.

President Parsons did most of the fighting
for his own side. "The amendment," he
said, "is based on the principle of popular
representation. The county committee it-
self is based on that principle, and it is only
right that the voting in the executive com-
mittee should be based on that principle also.
As it is now the membership of the ex-
ecutive committee is based on territorial
representation. And the question we
have to decide is whether or not 60 per
cent of the Republican voting strength of
this county shall be governed by 40 per
cent."

Abel Gruber demanded a roll call. Mr.
Parsons ruled that only the members who
had paid their dues should be allowed to
vote, and the result was that there was an
immediate rush for the secretary. In
less than ten minutes over \$400 was paid.
Most of this came from Odell men who,
having lost interest in the affairs of the
committee, had allowed their dues to lapse,
but who paid up under pressure put upon
them by the Odell leaders. The amend-
ment was adopted by 225 votes to 75.

Mr. Halpin asked to have entered on the
records a protest that the amendment had
not been legally adopted because an amend-
ment to the constitution required a two-
thirds vote, and a second protest that the
voting showed that there was not a quorum
present. Mr. Parsons ruled that under the
primary law, the meeting was legal, both
protests were being conducted, both protests
were of no avail. It was stated after the
meeting by Mr. Halpin and Mr. Lauter-
bach that the legality of last night's pro-
ceeding would be tested in the courts.

NEW UPTOWN POST OFFICE.

Work May Begin on the Foundation by July
1 Next—\$100,000 Asked For.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Work will begin
on the post office to be erected on the site
of the Pennsylvania Railroad Terminal in
New York city on July 1 if plans agreed upon
to-day do not fall through. Postmaster
Willcox has been in conference with Messrs.
Dewey, Bennett, Olcott and Parsons of
the New York Congress delegation and
officials of the Treasury Department on
this matter for several days.

It was concluded to-day that an approx-
imate of \$100,000 to begin work on the
foundation of the building and to enter on
the preparation of plans for the building
would be sufficient at this time. In order
that there may be no delay in prosecuting
the project, Senator Dewey will to-morrow
offer the item as an amendment to the Post
Office Appropriation bill and satisfactory
assurances have been received by his friends
that it will go through.

The top of the subterranean structure
to be made by the railroad company is
reached at a point 20 feet below the surface,
and there the foundations of the post office
will begin. It is expected that the rail-
road terminal will be ready to receive the
post office foundation by July 1 and the pro-
gramme is to arrange at once for the neces-
sary structural steel for the upper building,
so that it may be ready to put in place then.
This is estimated to cost \$75,000 and the
residue will be expended on the plans. No
further appropriation can wisely be used
in the ensuing fiscal year.

More Women Cab Drivers in Paris.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Feb. 21.—Four more women were
licensed as cab drivers to-day.

Try Cook & Black Label 1 & 2 Crown Sherries

of A. R. Hunt & Son, San Francisco, Cal.

Ad.

UNITED STATES TO TAKE A HAND

In War Between Honduras and Nicaragua
—May Propose Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Confirmation of
the outbreak of hostilities in Central Amer-
ica between Honduras and Nicaragua was
obtained by the State Department to-day
from Mr. Creel, the Mexican Ambassador,
who took to the Department a despatch he
had received from the Foreign Office in the
city of Mexico.

It appears that war is actually under
way now the Government here is devising
means of bringing it to an end. It is
apparently up to the United States to settle
the disturbances and something will be
done very soon. Representations will be
made to the belligerents urging them to
make peace. These representations will
take some concrete form of approval that
the disputes be submitted to arbitration.

This was done once before, and after the
two countries agreed to arbitrate they
went to London. The result was, how-
ever, will be something very definite, prob-
ably an actual offer on the part of the United
States to arbitrate the dispute. The situa-
tion is badly muddled. The only actual
conflict reported so far occurred on Feb-
ruary 18. Both sides claim a victory, each
lays the blame on the other and both de-
clare they are peace loving nations and
really do not wish to fight.

Further action by the State Department
indicates that the fight of last Monday was
caused by an invasion of Honduras by a
number of Honduran revolutionists. These
men are not anxious for peace, as a settle-
ment would destroy their chances of good
jobs in Honduras. The result of their
going into Honduras was a fuss with Hon-
duran troops and they were chased back
across the border into Nicaragua.

Officials do not know just how much
faith to place in the peace move, but an
accurate one the situation will probably
not be so difficult and a settlement by arbi-
tration will still be possible.

DUNNE BEATS HARRISON.

Chicago Democrats Give Present Mayor
Two-thirds of Delegates.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Carter H. Harrison
was all but wiped off the political map by
the Democratic voters of Chicago at to-
day's primaries.

Mayor Dunne, aided by the lieutenants
of Roger C. Sullivan, buried the Harrison
clan out of sight.

Of the 98 delegates named in to-day's
primaries the Harrison forces got about
30. Most of these 30 went to the Harrison
agreement. As the results indicated,
Mayor Dunne might have taken half of
these delegates away from Harrison if he
had insisted on fighting in every ward
in Chicago as he had first planned.

GEN. BOOTH'S FAREWELL VISIT.

Coming to America for the Last Time—Trip
Will Include Canada.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Feb. 21.—Gen. William Booth,
head of the Salvation Army, will sail for
the United States on the steamship Minne-
apolis on Saturday and will so begin what
will be his last trip of the kind he
will make.

After staying a week in New York he
will go to Canada, where he will remain
a month. The remainder of his itinerary
has not been announced. His intention
is to return to England in June, when he
will have entered his eightieth year.

MUST STAY IN THE ARMY.

Judge Refused to Release Cooper After He
Had Lied About His Age.

Harris Cooper, 18 years old, was pro-
duced in the United States Circuit Court
yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus got
out by his parents, who want to have him
released from the army. He was in charge
of the receiving officer at Fort Slocum.
Judge Hough wanted to know at first why
he came to the attention of the court. He
said he was a minor and had lied about his
age.

"He enlisted only on February 7, your
Honor," replied the receiving officer, "and
the Government has gone to the expense
of fitting him out with clothing and other
equipment. The Government only stands
ready to take him back if he is a waste of
make fraudulent statements as to age
when they enlist and then when they
are tossed out try to beat it."

The judge, however, said that a waste
of money was the Government's business
and should not be put to the expense of fixing
up these young men and making them
fit for the army. He turned the case off
on the plea that they are under age.

Cooper swore at the time of enlistment
that he was 23 years old, although he was
in reality only 18. His lawyer said that his
parents, who were in court, were each over
70 years of age and depended for their
support on the military service. Judge
Hough decided, however, that a waste of
army service might improve his memory
and veracity.

BRYAN ATTACKS ROCKEFELLER.

Girl for Education Starts the "Commoner's"
Editor to Vituperation.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 21.—Commenting
on the recent gift of John D. Rockefel-
ler, Mr. Bryan says in the Commoner:
"Yet only a few months ago this mighty
patron of education was declaring through
the highways and the byways of unknown
regions, hiding from officers of the law who
were anxious to serve upon him writs com-
manding him to appear in a court of justice
and tell the truth."

"The sum of \$2,000,000 must be enormous,
but with all of its immensity it ought not to
be large enough to cover the multitude of sins
for which the man who gives to the 'cause
of education' is responsible, and with all
of its power it ought not to be strong enough
to destroy the living fact that civilization
will have fallen whenever vice can be trans-
formed into virtue by the contribution of
money, and the habitual lawbreaker is
lost sight of in the lionized hero because
he has poured into the laps of educators
part of the enormous sums of gold he has
taken from a people whose laws he has
brazenly defied and whose substance he
has systematically plundered."

ROBBED JUDGE GRAY'S SON.

Butler Arrested for Taking Jewelry Worth
\$250 From Him.

Henry Screen, employed as butler in the
house of Judge Gray of the Court of
Appeals, at 5 East Fifty-sixth street, was
arrested yesterday charged with stealing
a pair of diamond cuff buttons and a stud
belonging to Albert Gray, the judge's son.

The jewelry, which was valued at \$250,
disappeared a week ago. Mrs. Grace
Gray, the young man's mother, reported the
loss to the East Fifty-first street. Detective
Conroy and Marlon, after a talk
with the butler, went with him to his room,
at 131 East Fifty-first street. The missing
property was found on top of a closet in
the room.

For particulars regarding successful private hospi-
tal treatment for alcoholism in women telephone
314 Broadway. Terms moderate.—Ad.

WOMAN KILLS BLACKMAILER.

ARTIST SHOT IN STUDIO BY RICH
RAILROAD MAN'S WIFE.

She Says Man Took Advantage of Her
Friendship to Force Her to Give Him
Money—Had Followed Her to California
—Woman in Cell Tells All to Husband.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Webster S. Guerin,
an artist, was shot and instantly killed to-
day.

The police have arrested Mrs. Flora
McDonald, wife of Michael C. McDonald,
at one time Chicago's king of gamblers,
now a millionaire, interested largely in
elevated railroads.

Guerin, who was also known as Louis
Fisher, was shot in his studio following a
quarrel with Mrs. McDonald. When ar-
rested Mrs. McDonald was trying to crawl
through a hole in the studio glass door,
which she had broken with her head.

Mrs. McDonald's face was bleeding where
it had been cut by the broken glass and she
was wedged in the jagged opening,
unable to get either way.

The police took a revolver from the bosom
of her dress.

In a hysterical confession in her cell the
police say she declared that she and Guerin
had maintained a clandestine love affair
and that the artist had used his power over
her to blackmail her.

According to the police, she said she had
become tired of Guerin's repeated demands
for money and went to his studio to kill him.
For an hour the police could not learn Mrs.
McDonald's identity. She raved in her
cell and repeatedly tried to dash her head
against the bars.

She finally gave the name of Attorney
Benjamin M. Shaffer, who was sent for.
He identified the woman as his niece, Mrs.
Michael C. McDonald and the former wife
of Samuel Barkley, at one time a baseball
player with the old Browns of St. Louis.

M. C. McDonald was in his office when he
was apprised of the tragedy by telephone.
Running to the street he leaped into a cab
and went to the Harrison street station.
He was led to the cell where his wife was
confined. As the door opened she fell into
his arms. "Papa, papa," she cried, and
threw her arms around McDonald's neck
and sobbed as he tried to comfort her.

"Will you be satisfied if I am dead?" she
said. "I told you I would go away," she
continued. "Do you want me to go?"

This question indicated to the listeners
that there had been a family quarrel.
McDonald, with his arms around her
and holding one hand, said: "No, no, I
will stand by you." Then Mrs. McDonald
related briefly and hysterically her story of
the tragedy.

"He forced me into a chair. I tried to go
away. He tried to blackmail me," she said.
Inspector Wheeler was in conference
with McDonald for some time. He said
McDonald had told him that Guerin had
followed Mrs. McDonald to California a
short time ago and got much money from
her.

Inspector Wheeler said Mrs. McDonald
went to Guerin's studio to pay him money
and that the quarrel which led up to the
murder followed. Mrs. McDonald is said
to have feared to tell her husband of Guerin's
attempt to get money from her. McDonald
told the police he had given his wife a great
deal of money recently and did not know
what she had done with it. He now thinks
she gave it to the artist.

McDonald told Inspector Wheeler that
Guerin and his wife were schoolmates and
had known each other for more than twenty-
five years.

Mrs. McDonald is the second wife of the
former gambler king. When McDonald was
the gambling boss he had a saloon
known as "The Store." The gambling
room upstairs were open to all comers.
McDonald's first wife eloped with Joseph
Molant, a priest connected with a French
church, twelve years ago.

Several years later McDonald married his
present wife, who is a niece of Ben M.
Shaffer, former commodore of the Illinois
Naval Militia. McDonald knew his present
wife from childhood. Before her present
marriage she was divorced from Samuel
Barkley, a former baseball player who kept
a saloon widely known in the early '90s as
the "Rag Shop."

TAFT TO VISIT CUBA.

He Says Conditions in the Island Are Sat-
isfactory—Good Sugar Crop.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Secretary Taft
to-day announced that he would visit Cuba
again in April. He will stop at Havana
for about three days on his way to Panama,
where he is going to look over the work
on the canal. His intention to visit the
Isthmus was announced several weeks ago.
The Secretary desires to make a personal
investigation of affairs in Cuba. When
he comes back to Washington it is likely
that some decision will be reached as to
when the elections